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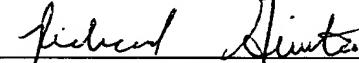
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Specification

Applicants present a clean copy of the changes to the specification below and enclose a marked-up copy of the changes to the specification with bracketing and underlining.

At page 7, lines 5-6:

a1 Fig. 14 is a conceptual illustration of the manner in which logical volumes are managed in a multi-path computing system;

At page 7, lines 7-9:

a2 Fig. 15 is a flow chart of the steps performed during execution of a file transfer utility employing the multi-path capability in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention; and

At page 7, line 10, please add the following paragraph:

a3 Fig. 16 is a conceptual illustration of out of band commands that do not pass through the normal read/write path in a host computer.